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FM USDEL MTN GENEVA

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SUBJECT: TROPICAL PRODUCT CONSULTATIONS--TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

REF: (A) MTN GENEVA 7399; (B) STATE 276773

1. US MTN DEL HELD SECOND BILATERAL CONSULTATION ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) REQUEST LIST WITH TRINIDAD & TOBAGO MTN DEL (CUMBERATCH) TUESDAY, DEC 16. USDEL NOTED THAT WITH GSP 99 PCT OF T&T EXPORTS TO US WOULD BE DUTY FREE, DETAILED THREE CATEGORIES OF PRELIMINARY US REACTION, OUTLINED US POSITION ON RECIPROCITY IN TP CONTEXT, AND COMMENTED ON INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES OUTLINED REFTEL (B). T&T DEL INITIALLY PUXLED THAT US MIGHT SEEK SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS FROM T&T

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AND REPEATED STRONG CARIBBEAN INTEREST IN LOWERING US

TARIFFS ON RUM DURING MTN.

2. FOLLOWING USDEL DESCRIPTION OF RANGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN COMPLETING A SIGNIFICANT TP PACKAGE, CUMBERBATCH NOTED THAT HE HAD REPEATEDLY ASSURED GOT&T MINISTERS THAT RECIPROCITY WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED BY US OF T&T IN MTN. HAVING BEEN PRESENT IN TOKYO IN SEPT 1973, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "SOME" OF MORE ADVANCED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD WELL AFFORD TO MAKE CONCESSIONS, BUT THAT T&T WAS THINKING OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS IN TERMS OF SUCH GENERAL MEASURES AS ADHERING TO POSSIBLE STANDARDS CODE. FOLLOWING A PROTECTED EXCHANGE WITH US MTN DEL IN WHICH IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT WHILE US AGENDA ON RECIPROCITY IN TP GROUP WOULD BE RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT, TRADE, AND FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR PRODUCTS IF NEGOTIABLE WOULD REQUIRE SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LEADING SUPPLIERS, CUMBERBATCH EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF US POSITION.

3. DURING DISCUSSION ON INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS, CUMBERBATCH STRONGLY REPEATED INTEREST OF T&T AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES IN LOWERING US TARIFF ON RUM. HE NOTED CARIBBEAN KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT THAT US HAD WITHDRAWN ITS OFFER TO MAKE TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON RUM DURING KENNEDY ROUND IN FACE OF PUERTO RICAN OPPOSITION. WHEN INFORMED US DID NOT BELIEVE THAT RUM NEGOTIABLE IN TP GROUP, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING WHAT RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS US WOULD NEED FROM ITS RUM SUPPLIERS TO NEGOTIATE MFN TARIFF REDUCTION. CUMBERBATCH BELIEVED US HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN EXCLUDING T&T RUM FROM UK MARKET THROUGH SEEKING ELIMINATION OF DOLLAR-AREA QUOTAS AND NOTED EC-LOME PREFERENCES ON RUM WERE OF LITTLE PRACTICAL BENEFIT AS THEY PROVIDED FOR PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM A SMALL EXPORT BASE.

4. COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS FOLLOW:

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160.20 COFFEE SOLUBLE	T&T DROPPED REQUEST.
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165.55 FRUIT JUICES	T&T INTEREST IS GUAVA, GINGER, SORREL, AND MACEBY DRINK CONCENTRATES. EX- OUT REQUESTED.
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168.15 BITTERS	PRINCIPAL CATEGORY 1 PROD-
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UCT. CUMBERBATCH REPEATED  
REQUEST (REFTEL (A)) FOR  
EXPLANATION WHY BITTERS  
DID NOT QUALIFY FOR EXEMP-  
TION FROM GSP COMPETITIVE  
NEED LIMITATIONS BASED  
ON 504C(D).

182.46 SAUCES            T&T INTERESTED IN HOT  
SAUCES MADE FROM PEPPERS,  
MUSTARD, ETC. EX-OUT POS-  
SIBLE?

184.75 ANIMAL FEED      T&T DROPPED REQUEST. CULBERT

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